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A MESSAGE FROM... THE PRESIDENT

I am excited that the winter sports season has begun. Our student athletes have worked hard to prepare themselves for success both on and off the court. Our coaches are bringing their energy, professionalism, and commitment to the overall growth and development of their student athletes.

I am most grateful for the support and encouragement our families offer. Your athletes wouldn't be here competing at this level without your support over the many years of their athletic career. I know the hours you've spent taking them to practice, watching their competition, encouraging them when they're down and celebrating when they succeed. Your presence now means more than you can imagine. They might not say it often enough; but I know they are grateful that you are there and have been there throughout their athletic careers.

Together, we are all a team committed to their success.

At Avila, athletes are challenged not just to be highly skilled and competitive in their sports, not just to succeed in the classroom, but also to develop themselves as fine individuals prepared to make a significant contribution to their community and their world. Avila scholar-athletes learn valuable skills of teamwork and self-discipline. These skills and experiences prepare them to be inspired leaders who can go out into the world and be individuals of significant influence.

And so, I thank our athletes for the sacrifices they make, the commitment they display, and for being such great ambassadors of Avila University.

I join the entire campus community in wishing our players great success during the 2011/12 season.

Sincerely,

Ronald A. Slepitza, Ph.D.
President

A MESSAGE FROM THE... ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Welcome to Avila University Athletics!

On behalf of the Avila University Athletic Department, I would like to thank you for your interest in our school and its intercollegiate athletic program.

Athletics began at Avila in 1974, with an intercollegiate men's basketball program. Currently, Avila athletics consists of 14 highly competitive sports teams for both men and women.

In time, it is our goal to become one of the premier NAIA programs in the country. It is also our hope to challenge our student-athletes academically and athletically so that they may be successful in their future endeavors. With a program based on integrity and excellence, this athletic department is dedicated and committed to providing our student-athletes with the best college experience in the nation.

We sponsor and support a variety of co-curricular activities for our students that include the men's sports of baseball, basketball, football, golf, soccer and cross country. On the women's side, we sponsor basketball, golf, soccer, softball, volleyball and cross country. In addition to these sports, we sponsor and support a competitive dance team and cheer squad.

Avila is proud of its long-term relationship with the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics ("NAIA"). Founded in 1952, the NAIA is the governing body for small colleges and university athletics. The NAIA has more than 50,000 student-athletes participating in nearly 300 member colleges and universities through the United States.

Thank you for your interest in Avila Athletics and I look forward to seeing you at many more events this year. GO EAGLES!

Sincerely,

Gary Gallup
Director of Athletics & Recreation

2011•12 Avila Winter Sports | schedules

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
	NOVEMBER 2011		
11/1	Ottawa University	Ottawa, KS	5:30PM
11/9	Columbia College	Columbia, MO	7:00PM
11/11	MidAmerica Nazarene Classic	Olathe, KS	TBA
11/12	MidAmerica Nazarene Classic	Olathe, KS	TBA
11/15	**WILLIAM WOODS COLLEGE**	**HOME**	**5:30PM**
11/16	Missouri Southern (Exhibition)	Joplin, MO	7:00PM
11/18	Rockhurst University Classic	Kansas City, MO	TBA
11/19	Rockhurst University Classic	Kansas City, MO	TBA
11/25	McKendree University Classic	Lebanon, IL	TBA
11/26	McKendree University University Classic	Lebanon, IL	TBA
11/29	Park University	Parkville, MO	5:00PM
	DECEMBER 2011		
12/1	*Baker University	Baldwin, City, KS	5:30PM
12/3	***CULVER-STOCKTON COLLEGE**	**HOME**	**2:00PM**
12/10	*Graceland University	Lamoni, IA	2:00PM
12/28	British Columbia University	LaMirada, CA	7:30PM
12/29	Vanguard University	LaMirada, CA	1:00PM
	JANUARY 2012		
1/5	*MidAmerica Nazarene University	Olathe, KS	5:30PM
1/7	***CENTRAL METHODIST UNIV.**	**HOME**	**2:00PM**
1/12	***EVANGEL UNIVERSITY**	**HOME**	**5:30PM**
1/14	*Peru State University	Peru, NE	2:00PM
1/19	***MISSOURI VALLEY COLLEGE**	**HOME**	**5:30PM**
1/21	*Benedicitine College	Atchison, KS	2:00PM
1/26	***BAKER UNIVERSITY**	**HOME**	**5:30PM**
1/28	*Culver-Stockton College	Canton, MO	2:00PM
1/31	**ROCKHURST UNIV. (EXHIBITION)**	**HOME**	**2:00PM**
	FEBRUARY 2012		
2/4	***GRACELAND UNIVERSITY**	**HOME**	**2:00PM**
2/9	***MIDAMERICA NAZARENE UNIV.**	**HOME**	**5:30PM**
2/11	*Central Methodist University	Fayette, MO	2:00PM
2/16	*Evangel University	Springfield, MO	5:30PM
2/18	***PERU STATE UNIVERSITY**	**HOME**	**2:00PM**
2/23	*Missouri Valley College	Marshall, MO	5:30PM
2/25	***BENEDICITINE COLLEGE**	**HOME**	**2:00PM**
	MARCH 2012		
3/1	HAAC Conference Tournament	TBA	TBA
3/3	HAAC Conference Tournament	TBA	TBA
3/6	HAAC Conference Tournament	TBA	TBA
3/14-20	NAIA National Tournament	Frankfort KY	TBA

NOTE: ALL CAPS INDICATES HOME GAME. *Heart of America Athletic Conference Games

MEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
	NOVEMBER 2011		
11/01	**OTTAWA UNIVERSITY**	**HOME**	**7:00 P.M.**
11/04	**TABOR COLLEGE**	**HOME**	**7:00 P.M.**
11/08	**LINCOLN UNIVERSITY**	**HOME**	**7:00 P.M.**
11/12	Columbia College	Columbia, MO	TBA
11/15	**WILLIAM WOODS COLLEGE**	**HOME**	**7:30 P.M.**
11/18	Missouri Southern	Pittsburg, KS	5:00 p.m.
11/19	Pitt State	Pittsburgh, KS	3:00 p.m.
11/22	Friends University	Wichita, KS	7:00 p.m.
11/25	Park University	Kansas City, MO	1:00 p.m.
11/26	Rockhurst University	Kansas City, MO	3:00 p.m.
	DECEMBER 2011		
12/01	*Baker University	Baldwin City, KS	7:30 p.m.
12/03	***CULVER-STOCKTON COLLEGE**	**HOME**	**4:00 P.M.**
12/10	*Graceland University	Lamoni, IA	4:00 p.m.
12/29	Briar Cliff University	Sioux City, IA	7:30 p.m.
12/30	Morningside College	Sioux City, IA	3:00 p.m.
12/31	Haskell University	Lawrence, KS	3:00 p.m.
	JANUARY 2012		
1/05	*MidAmerica Nazarene Univ.	Olathe, KS	7:30 p.m.
1/07	***CENTRAL METHODIST UNIV.**	**HOME**	**4:00 P.M.**
1/12	***EVANGEL UNIVERSITY**	**HOME**	**7:30 P.M.**
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1/19	***MISSOURI VALLEY COLLEGE**	**HOME**	**7:30 P.M.**
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2/25	***BENEDICTINE COLLEGE**	**HOME**	**4:00 P.M.**
2/29	HAAC Conf Tourney-Quaterfinals	TBA	7:00 p.m.
	MARCH 2012		
3/01	HAAC Conf. Tourney	TBA	7:00 p.m.
3/02	HAAC Conf. Tourney-Semifinals	TBA	7:00 p.m.
3/03-04	HAAC Conf. Tourney	TBA	7:00 p.m.
3/05	HAAC Conf. Tourney-Championship	TBA	7:00 p.m.

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"ONCE HEALTHY, AVILA WOMEN HOOPSTERS SHOULD AGAIN BE A CONTENDER IN HAAC"

The Avila women's basketball team has taken as its slogan this season, "chase perfection, catch excellence." Head coach Larry Williams just cautions that making that slogan a reality might take a bit longer than in seasons past.

The cause of the delay in the Eagles becoming all they can be is a rash of injuries which have limited practice time and conditioning for several key players. But the coach isn't whining about it. He knows the games that truly count. Heart of America Athletic Conference games aren't played until December with most in January and February. And the hope is, the Eagles will be much closer to being full strength by then and capable of playing up to the second-place prediction of the conference's coaches in the pre-season poll.

"That shows what other coaches think about our team," said Williams of being picked behind only Evangel in the pre-season poll. "On paper, we're capable of challenging for conference. But we're a long way from that now."

One of the biggest challenges for Williams and his players this season is replacing the production lost from the graduation of Alyson Young, who left as the program's all-time leading scorer with nearly 2,000 career points. Young led the conference in scoring and rebounding last season, when the Eagles won their first HAAC post-season tournament and qualified for the NAIA national tournament.

"You don't replace an Alyson," Williams said. "What you do is collectively absorb that among teammates. You use eight or nine individuals to do that job."

Williams has a great leader and anchor for this season's team in senior guard Torie Murillo, "the motor of the team," as Williams likes to refer to her. Murillo, a 5-foot-9 product of Blue Springs South (Mo.), led the nation last season in steals, averaging 5.12 per game, led the conference in steals and assists (5.5) and was first-team all-conference and the HAAC's defensive player of the year. She also averaged 8.5 points and 6.3 rebounds.

"She has the ability on both ends to take over a game," Williams said. "She has a speed that just goes."

Junior sharpshooter Brittany Townsend, a third-team all-conference guard who scored 40 points in a game at Graceland last season and averaged 16.3, returns but has been slowed in the pre-season by a back injury. Another perimeter shooting threat, Samantha York, is recovering from a foot injury. Arianne Henry also returns, but saw little playing time last season. Sophomore guard Ashley Latimer gives the Eagles athleticism and can be used in multiple ways. Jackie Stults, a 6-foot sophomore center from Salt Lake City, should lend depth inside for the Eagles.

Another returning player – sort of – is junior shooting guard Courtney Gimlin, who averaged 12.5 points and was honorable mention as a sophomore two seasons ago, but didn't play last season. And 5-11 swing player Loganne Grider started last season before tearning an ACL and won't be cleared to start practicing until November. Jackie Stults, a 6-foot center from Salt Lake City

Williams said he's excited about three transfers. Kendra Crow is a 5-11 junior post player from Johnson County Community College. However, she's also suffering from an injury and won't be available until after Christmas. Cassie Bruner, a 6-foot transfer from Missouri Western, should add strength inside, and Stephanie Miller, another 6-foot post from MidAmerica Nazarene, can help if she gets over knee problems.

Two incoming freshmen will be looked upon to contribute immediately. Jackie Wacha, 5-6, from Ozark, Mo., can play either guard position and is "hard-nosed and gritty," Williams said, and Rebekah Capeder, a 5-11 forward, "might be the best athlete to ever be in this program." She finished her career at Trenton (Mo.) High School with more than 1,000 points and rebounds.

"We are excited about the year," Williams said. "If we can just get everything ironed out in November, by December we'll be OK."

LARRY WILLIAMS, WOMEN'S BASKETBALL HEAD COACH

Larry Williams begins his sixth season as the Head Women's Basketball Coach at Avila University. The 2010/11 saw the Eagles make history as they reached their first National Tournament courtesy of a 74-70 victory over Graceland in the HAAC Conference Tournament Championship game. The Eagle's finished with an overall record of 20-13 and a third place finish in the Heart of America Athletic Conference. His overall record is 98-61 and in his five years at Avila, has brought the program from the bottom to be a contender for the conference title.

His teams are known for their strong team play and never quit attitude. Although winning is important on the court, he is prouder of the achievements by his players in the classroom as they carry an overall GPA of 3.4 and have won the Geer cup (High Team GPA) for women's programs at Avila four of the last six years.

He is a graduate of Windsor High School (1965), Windsor, MO and played college basketball at Highland Junior College (1965-67) and then at Central Missouri State (1967-69) where he was captain his senior year.

Coach Williams is a Vietnam veteran, serving in the Army from 1970-72. After serving his duty, he returned back to CMSU and received his B.S in 1973 and his Masters in 1974.

Coach Williams recently retired from education and is now a full time employee of Avila University. His wife, Patty of 36 years is an elementary counselor in the Independence School District. Larry and Patty have two daughters: Lindsay, her husband Rick, and son Kaden of Russellville, MO and Morgan, her husband Andy, three sons Maddux, Tucker and Hudson, and daughter Finlee of Blue Springs, MO.

ASSISTANT WOMEN'S BASKETBALL COACHES

Bob Lehman
Assistant Coach
Recruiting Coordinator

Kari Clevenger
Assistant Coach
Administrative

Josh Padilla
Assistant
Coach

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#	NAME	YR	POS	HT	HOMETOWN
5	Jackie Wacha	Fr	Guard	5'6	Ozark, Missouri
12	Loganne Grider	Jr	Guard/Forward	5'11	Greenfield, Missouri
13	Cassie Bruner	Jr	Forward	6'0	Overland Park, Kansas
14	Rebekah Capeder	Fr	Forward	5'11	Trenton, Missour
21	Ashley Latimer	So	Guard	5'6	Raymore, Missouri
22	Victoria Murillo	Sr	Guard	5'10	Lee's Summit, Missorui
23	Courtney Gimlin	Jr	Guard	5'8	Ozark, Missouri
25	Arianne Henry	Fr	Guard	5'10	Humansville, Missouri
30	Brittany Townsend	Jr	Guard	5'9	Orrick, Missouri
31	Jackie Stults	So	Post	6'0	Salt Lake City, Utah
32	Samantha York	So	Guard	5'9	Elsberry, Missouri
35	Stephanie Miller	So	Center	6'0	Overland Park, Kansas
42	Kendra Crow	Jr	Post	5'11	Wichita, Kansas

5 Jackie Wacha
Fr Guard 5'6
Ozark, Mo

12 Loganne Grider
JR Fwd 5'11"
Greenfield, Mo

13 Cassie Bruner
Jr Forward 6'0
Overland Park, Ks

14 Rebekah Capeder
Fr Forward 5'11
Trenton, Mo

21 Ashley Latimer
So Guard 5'6
Raymore, Mo

22 Victoria Murillo
Sr Guard 5'10
Lee's Summit, Mo

23 Courtney Gimlin
Jr Guard 5'8
Ozark, Mo

25 Arianne Henry
Fr Guard 5'10
Humansville, Mo

30 Brittany Townsend
Jr Guard 5'9
Orrick, Mo

31 Jackie Stults
So Post 6'0
Salt Lake City, Ut

32 Samantha York
So Guard 5'9
Elsberry, Mo

35 Stephanie Miller
So Center 6'0
Overland Park, Ks

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

2010/11 STATISTICS

#	Name	GP	GS	MIN	AVG	TOTAL FG	TOTAL FGA	TOTAL PCT	3-PT FG	3-PT FGA	3-PT PCT	F-T FG	F-T FGA	F-T PCT	REBOUNDS OFF	REBOUNDS DEF	REBOUNDS TOT	REBOUNDS R/G	PF	A	TO	BLK	ST	PTS	P/G
13	Young, Alyson	33	27	1226	37.2	200	334	0.599	5	19	0.263	245	310	0.79	101	175	276	8.4	90	37	73	39	28	650	19.7
30	Townsend, Brittany	33	28	1173	35.5	197	523	0.377	95	291	0.326	50	61	0.82	13	75	88	2.7	86	80	122	18	39	539	16.3
22	Murillo, Torie	32	27	1060	33.1	95	206	0.461	16	57	0.281	65	96	0.677	44	159	203	6.3	107	175	173	11	164	271	8.5
33	York, Samantha	28	6	660	23.6	64	166	0.386	41	124	0.331	24	27	0.889	11	29	40	1.4	35	28	33	3	23	193	6.9
20	James, Jessica	33	25	884	26.8	76	172	0.442	15	40	0.375	17	32	0.531	36	93	129	3.9	97	21	57	10	23	184	5.6
12	Grider, Loganne	30	25	763	25.4	42	112	0.375	23	69	0.333	33	38	0.868	27	59	86	2.9	75	23	56	4	20	140	4.7
21	Latimer, Ashley	32	2	409	12.8	18	45	0.4	0	0	0	17	31	0.548	13	26	39	1.2	41	33	48	1	13	53	1.7
15	Jensen, Ashley	3	0	24	8	1	8	0.125	1	8	0.125	0	0	0	2	1	3	1	0	2	3	0	0	3	1
32	Buckler, Addie	13	0	82	6.3	3	4	0.75	0	0	0	4	10	0.4	1	5	6	0.5	13	7	15	0	4	10	0.8
25	Henry, Arianne	10	0	17	1.7	2	7	0.286	1	6	0.167	0	0	0	0	1	1	0.1	1	1	0	0	1	5	0.5
35	Stults, Jackie	15	0	58	3.9	1	6	0.167	0	0	0	5	8	0.625	4	8	12	0.8	15	2	10	0	2	7	0.5
11	Thomsen, Hanna	22	0	198	9 3	1	3	0.231	0	1	0	3	7	0.429	7	19	26	1.2	12	6	6	2	1	9	0.4
23	Brockman, Casey	8	0	16	2	1	5	0.2	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	2	3	0.4	1	0	3	0	0	3	0.4
10	Lapointe, Karli	2	0	1	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	TEAM														23	62	85		30						
	Totals	33		6576		703	1601	0.439	197	616	0.32	464	621	0.747	283	714	997	30.2	574	415	629	88	321	2067	62.6
	Opponents	33		6600		693	1727	0.401	214	601	0.356	441	638	0.691	361	638	999	30.3	538	392	608	64	291	2041	61.8

42 Kendra Crow
Jr Post 5'11
Wichita, Ks

A MORE "WELL-BALANCED" AVILA MEN'S TEAM TO TAKE THE FLOOR IN 2011-12

Though a few faces will be familiar, it'll be a much different-looking Eagles men's basketball team that takes the floor in 2011-12.

Gone will be the perimeter-oriented, three-point shooting version led by guards Quinton Branch and Lamar Williams, both of whom are out of eligibility. Replacing them, according to head coach Rodney Perry, will be a more well-balanced crew capable of pulling out on the arc and shooting the three, but also banging inside down in the paint.

"This year, I think we'll be more than just one guy," Perry said.

Leading the list of returning players will be Kevin Booker, a 6-foot-4 senior forward from Wichita, who led the team in rebounding last season, averaging 6.2 per game as well as tossing in 9.5 points per game.

"We're really expecting a big year out of Booker," Perry said. "It's his fourth year as a starter. We're looking for him to lead.

"This year, he'll play more in his natural position, a 3 or 4. Last year, he played as a 5."

Another returner Perry intends to lean on is Austin Stockard, a 6-5 forward from Kansas City, Mo., who last season averaged 8.3 points.

"Stockard we'll depend on his perimeter shooting, leadership ability, as well as his rebounding and defense," Perry said.

As mentioned, last year's Eagles were, for the most part, limited to three-point shooting on the perimeter, but Perry believes he's solved deficiencies inside with the recruiting class he brought in. Brandon Redmond, a 6-5 junior forward, transferred from Joliet, Ill. Junior College, and Keith Taylor, a 6-6 freshman from Las Vegas, provide size and inside strength the Eagles didn't have.

Also adding to that size is Louis Lowe, a 6-8, 245-pound junior transfer from Oakland, Calif.

The Smith brothers – 6-5 Zach and 6-4 Andrew – both should battle for a starting spot up front.

"We also upgraded at point guard," Perry said. "We have guys that can break down guys off the dribble and make plays."

Those new point guards are Curtis Churchman, a freshman from Hazelwood Central High School in St. Louis, and Sylvester Bracken, a sophomore transfer from Milwaukee, Wisc.

Kelby Phelps, a 5-11 shooting guard from Marshfield, Mo., is working his way back from torn ligaments in an ankle last season, and Lance Miller, a junior out of Farmington, Mo., also should challenge at shooting guard.

The Eagles were picked to finish seventh out of 10 teams in the Heart of America Athletic Conference pre-season coaches' poll, a "great motivator for us," Perry said.

"I don't think people realize what we have coming back, both with guys who were here and part of the system, and new players we have coming in," he said. "Without question, I think it's going to be very interesting. We have 10 new guys. It's just a matter of how quickly they can gel and learn the system, get to playing winning basketball."

Perry said a key to the season will be getting off to a good start. The Eagles play four of their first five games at home in Mabee Fieldhouse.

"If we can get off to a good start," he said, "then I think we can have a great year."

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RODNEY PERRY, MEN'S BASKETBALL HEAD COACH

Coach Perry begins his second season as the Head Men's Basketball Coach at Avila University. This past season, the Eagle's finished with an overall record of 12-18 and an eighth place finish in the Heart of America Athletic Conference.

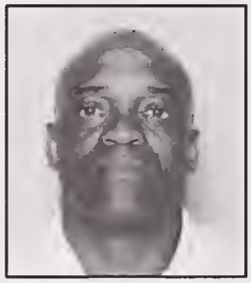
He graduated from high school at Fort Smith Northside in Fort Smith, Arkansas where he earned all-state and all-conference accolades. He played 2 years at the University of Arkansas-Fort Smith before transferring to what was then known as Southwest Missouri State, now Missouri State University, where he helped the Bears to a pair of post season appearances. In 1992, he was part of Coach Charlie Spoonhour's 23-8 NCAA Tournament Team. In 1993, he served as captain for a team that posted a 20-11 mark and advanced to the quarter final of the NIT.

Perry earned a bachelor's degree in physical education. He began his coaching career in 1994 as an assistant in the Missouri high school system. He coached at Willard High School and Springfield Central High School before jumping to the collegiate ranks. He has coached Division I college basketball at Duquesne University under former Nebraska coach Danny Nee and Western Illinois University and has also coach at Southwest Baptist University. Perry was named national AAU Coach of the year after leading his team to the 1995 AAU National Championship. Coach Perry and his family reside in the Kansas City Area.

ASSISTANT MEN'S BASKETBALL COACHES

Preston Ingram
Assistant Coach

Damion Brown
Assistant Coach



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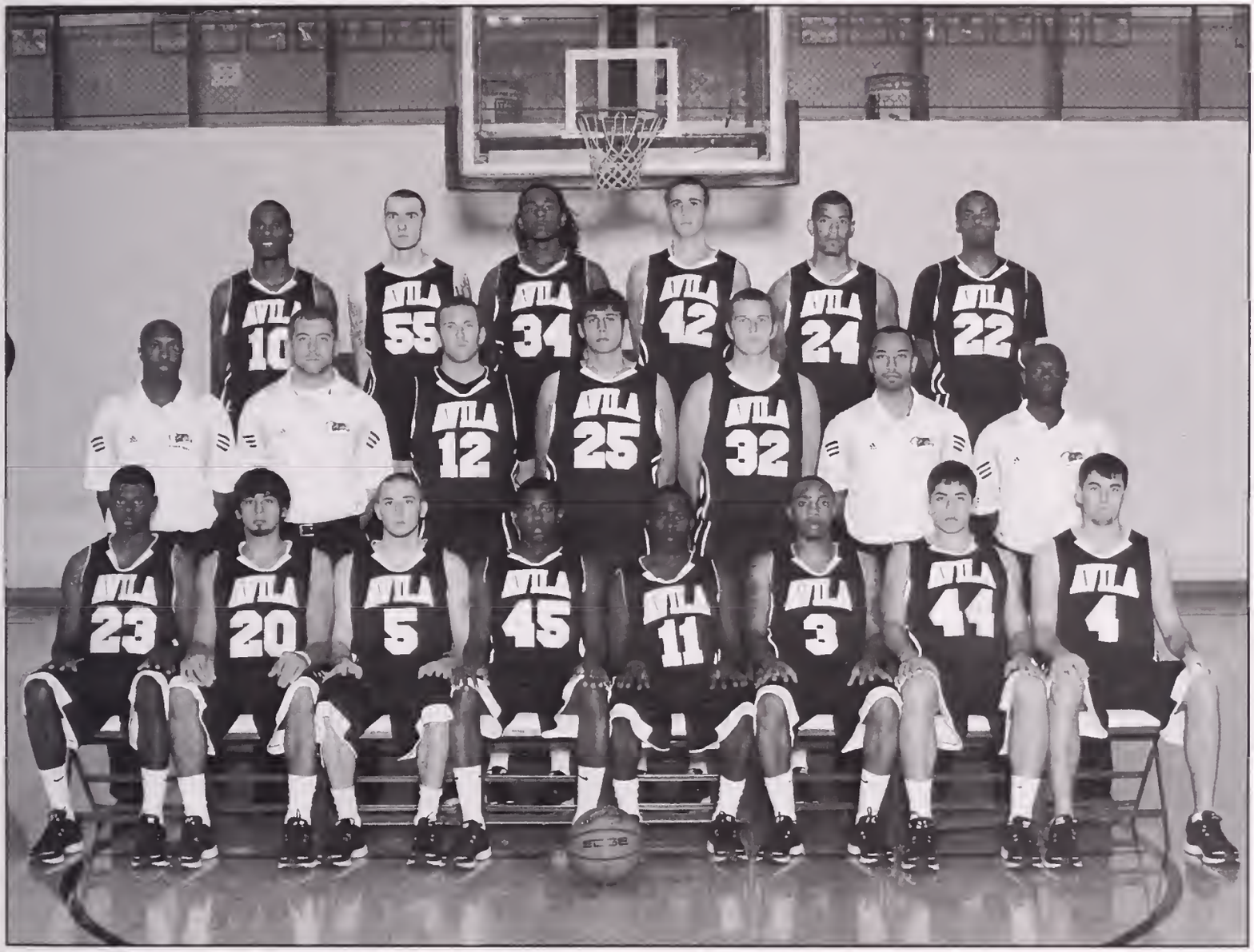

MEN'S BASKETBALL

2010/11 STATISTICS

#	Name	GP	GS	MIN	AVG	TOTAL FG	TOTAL FGA	TOTAL PCT	3-PT FG	3-PT FGA	3-PT PCT	F-T FG	F-T FGA	F-T PCT	REBOUNDS OFF	REBOUNDS DEF	REBOUNDS TOT	REBOUNDS R/G	PF	A	TO	BLK	ST	PTS	P/G
24	Branch, Quinton	30	27	864	28.8	171	394	0.434	74	184	0.402	169	195	0.867	29	77	106	3.5	79	57	112	3	47	585	19.5
23	Booker, Kevin	30	25	860	28.7	112	207	0.541	4	22	0.182	56	102	0.549	71	115	186	6.2	95	61	59	12	33	284	9.5
22	Williams, Lamar	29	21	815	28.1	84	225	0.373	39	108	0.361	55	71	0.775	24	92	116	4	76	105	82	2	25	262	9
32	Stockard, Austin	29	11	759	26.2	84	205	0.41	53	127	0.417	20	29	0.69	45	61	106	3.7	83	28	40	5	25	241	8.3
12	Dierkes, Ben	26	16	465	17.9	65	141	0.461	45	105	0.429	21	23	0.913	17	42	59	2.3	26	24	21	3	19	196	7.5
14	Cochran, Tommy	30	3	604	20.1	57	132	0.432	36	90	0.4	43	68	0.632	4	43	47	1.6	65	49	44	0	31	193	6.4
34	Haase, Jason	27	9	468	17.3	55	102	0.539	0	1	0	34	55	0.618	28	50	78	2.9	79	25	37	8	9	144	5.3
55	Lefevre, Maxime	30	19	675	22.5	61	134	0.455	13	48	0.271	19	38	0.5	39	101	140	4.7	83	41	57	13	19	154	5.1
15	Jarrett III, Raymond	29	1	325	11.2	40	100	0.4	12	40	0.3	7	18	0.389	11	28	39	1.3	32	22	39	0	4	99	3.4
3	Juenemann, Jayden	23	3	179	7.8	10	33	0.303	7	21	0.33	3	4	6 0.667	4	15	19	0.8	33	10	24	0	10	31	1.3
4	Sublette, Anthony	2	0	1	0.5	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
20	Smith, Andrew	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
25	Smith, Zach	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
45	Candio, Djimy	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TEAM															29	59	88				13				
Totals		30		6019		739	1674	0.441	283	747	0.379	428	605	0.707	301	683	984	32.8	651	422	528	46	224	2189	73
Opponents		29		5822		743	1621	0.458	190	583	0.326	469	688	0.682	305	690	995	34.3	546	403	493	83	242	2145	74

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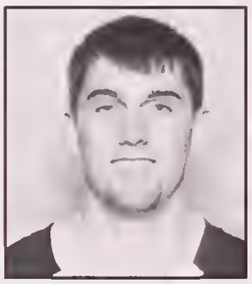
2011•12 Avila Men's Basketball | roster

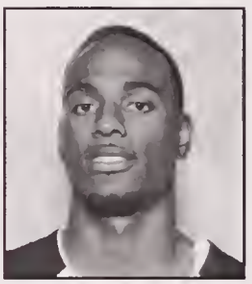
#	NAME	POS.	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	YR.	HIGH SCHOOL/COLLEGE	HOMETOWN STATE
3	Sylvester Bracken	Gd	6-0	168	SO	Waukesha University	Milwaukee WI
4	Lance Miller	Gd	6-3	185	JR	St. Louis at Meramac	Farmington MO
5	Kelby Phelps	Gd	5-11	155	JR	Marshfield H.S.	Marshfield MO
10	Brandon Redmond	Fwd	6-5	200	JR	Joliet Junior College	Joliet IL
11	Curtis Churchman	Gd	5-7	148	FR	Hazelwood Central H.S.	St. Louis MO
12	Ben Dierkes	Gd	6-3	244	SR	Columbia Hickman H.S.	Columbia MO
20	Andrew Smith	Fwd	6-4	196	SO	Verona H.S.	Verona MO
22	Keith Taylor	Fwd	6-6	189	FR	Impact Academy	Beverly Hills CA
23	Terry Fairlee	Gd	6-2	170	JR	Mount Marty	St. Louis MO
24	Kevin Booker	Fwd	6-5	216	SR	Kapuan Mt. Carmel H.S.	Wichita KS
25	Zach Smith	Fwd	6-5	215	JR	Verona H.S.	Verona MO
32	Austin Stockard	Fwd	6-5	212	SR	O'Hara H.S.	Kansas City MO
34	Louis Lowe	C	6-8	247	JR	Diablo Valley C.C.	Oakland CA
42	Tom Lubenjak	C	6-8	205	FR	Nutrition H.S.	Croatia
44	Brandon Murillo	Gd	6-2	182	FR	Blue Springs South H.S.	Lee Summit MO
45	Tim Starks	Gd	5-11	165	FR	Trinity Catholic H.S.	St. Louis MO
55	Max Leferve	Fwd	6-7	195	JR	NNMC	France

3 Sylvester Bracken
SO Gd 6'0"
Milwaukee WI



4 Lance Miller
JR Gd 6'3"
Farmington MO

5 Kelby Phelps
JR Gd 5'11"
Marshfield, MO

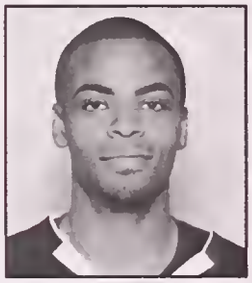


10 Brandon Redmond
JR Fwd 6'5"
Joliet IL

11 Curtis Churchman
FR Gd 5-7
St.Louis, MO

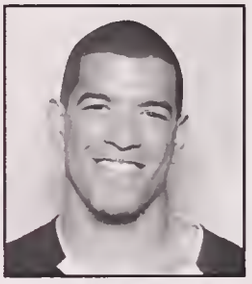
12 Ben Dierkes
SR Gd 6-3
Columbia MO

20 Andrew Smith
SO Fwd 6-4
Verona, MO



22 Keith Taylor
FR Fwd 6-6"
Beverly Hills CAL

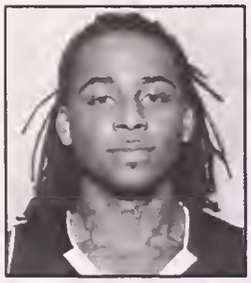
23 Terry Fairlee
JR Gd 6-2
St. Louis MO



24 Kevin Booker
SR Fwd 6-5
Wichita KS

25 Zach Smith
JR Fwd 6'5"
Verona, MO

32 Austin Stockard
SR Fwd 6'5"
Kansas City, MO



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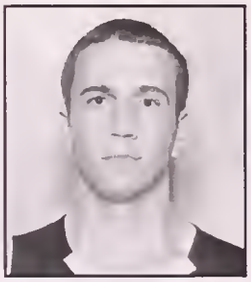
Oakland CA



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Lee Summit MO

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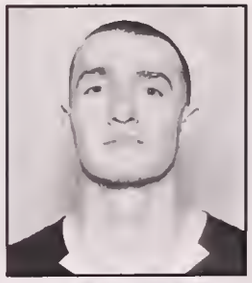

55 Max Leferve
JR Fwd 6'7"
France

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Sophomore
Independence, MO

Jessi Anderson
Senior
Springfield, MO

Natalie Bristow
Sophomore
Kansas City, MO

Morgan Brucks
Sophomore
Glasgow, MO

Rique Carter
Freshman
St. Louis, MO

Jessica Clemons
Freshman
Harrisonville, MO

Brittany Crabtree
Junior
Liberty, MO

Stephanie Curtis
Sophomore
Ashland, MO

Breanne Evans
Senior
San Diego, CA

Shelby Fletcher
Sophomore
Independence, MO

Emily Hamblin
Senior
Melbourne, FL

Madison Hancock
Senior
Independence, MO

Taylor Holmes
Freshman
Olathe, KS

Jennifer Johnk
Senior
Ozark, MO

Kelsey Kattau
Freshman
Bucyrus, KS

Sarah Kauffman
Junior
Holts Summit, MO

Bailey Larson
Freshman
Olathe, KS

Megan Linder
Junior
Sheridan Lake, CO

Courtney Morgan
Sophomore
Raymore, MO

Ashley Nastave
Sophomore
Blue Springs, MO

Sequoia Rose
Junior
Lebanon, MO

Sarah Rubin
Freshman
Overland Park, KS

Tiffanie Schuette
Sophomore
Richmond, MO

Paige Snyder
Junior
Kearney, MO

Taylor Stephenson
Senior
Raymore, MO

Gabby Sysavath
Freshman
Lees Summit, MO

Devon Webb
Junior
Grain Valley, MO

Jessica Wray
Sophomore
Harrisonville, MO

ShaKaila Wright
Freshman
Independence, MO

MELISSA SHIPMAN, CHEER COACH

Melissa Shipman is the Head Coach for Avila University's All-Girl Cheer program. This will be her 4th year as a coach, previously serving for 3 years as the Assistant/Recruiting Coach for the team. Her experience in high school and college cheerleading has given her the ability to recruit talented young women into this incredibly successful program.

During her career here at Avila, the team has accomplished many goals and received nationally acclaimed awards. Every year, the team competes at UCA/UDA College National Championships, and have finished in the top 10 in the very competitive All-Girl Division II. In 2010, Avila achieved their highest placement, ranking 4th and beating out the defending National Champs from 2009. They have also earned high honors in placing for their National Qualifying Video, including a top placement of 3rd going into the competition.

Avila's Cheer Team has taken great pride in being involved in the community and outreach in the Kansas City area. They are the official cheerleaders for Bikers for Babies, and participate in several other programs such as March of Dimes, MS Bike Ride, and many more. The student-athletes are great role-models, and enjoy being able to get to know the various communities of Kansas City.

Melissa is very excited for the upcoming year, and believes this team will be the strongest cheer team to come through Avila. Melissa's goal is to help these young women to grow not only into successful athletes, but successful graduates that are prepared to go out into the real world and achieve great things. She looks to recruit strong students, with the talent and ambition to take themselves and their team to new heights. Melissa has been happily married to her husband, Andy, for 5 years, and has a beautiful baby girl named Mallory.

CINDY FREEMAN, DANCE COACH

Cindy Freeman is the founder and Head coach of the Avila University Dance Team. Freeman has worked in the Athletic Department at Avila in a variety of capacities for the past 15 years. She is currently the assistant athletic director and athletic website manager in addition to her role as head coach. Freeman founded the dance team in 2000. Aided by her many years of involvement with dance, she has been able to recruit well trained dancers to participate in her program.

With these dancers she took her team to the UCA/UDA College Nationals Dace Championship where they finished 7th in the nation as a first year team. In 2001-2002, the Glitter Girls second year of existence, they returned with a 2nd place finish from College Nationals. The team was on ESPN a number of times as a result of the 2nd place finish. IN 2002-2003 and 2007-2007, the team won the Heart of America Conference Spirit Squad Championship. Coach Freeman was also recognized as the Heart of America Conference Spirit Squad coach of the year. During the 2004-2005 season the dance team placed 3rd in the jazz division and came home with a NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP in the Hip-Hop Division at the Collegiate National Championships. The team was seen on ESPN and ESPN 2 multiple times. The Glitter Girls most recently took fourth place in both the Jazz and Hip Hop categories at the UDA Collegiate Championships in 2011. The Avila Dance team has finished in the top ten each year they have competed at the collegiate national championships.

Coach Freeman's work at Avila University has not gone unnoticed as she has been selected to serve as a judge for the UDA High School National Championships every year, including the competition this January, since 2003. In 2007 she was also invited to serve on the judging panel for the UPA at their national competition in Minneapolis, MN. The Avila University Dance Team was featured in an article in Dance Teacher Magazine in June 2004. The article was a profile on how to start a new and successful collegiate dance program.

Freeman's objective as a coach is to recruit not only talented dancers, but quality students into her program. Freeman's goal is for every dance she coaches to feel that they have been a part of something special when they leave Avila University. Freeman is married to Steve Freeman and has two children, Mandy, a former dance team member and coach at Avila, and Brad, an Avila graduate.

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2011•12 Avila Dance Team | members

Morghan Cooper
Sophomore
Raymore, MO

Stephanie Fredrick
Sophomore
Lee's Summit, MO

Brianna Gilmour
Sophomore
Overland Park, KS

Lauren Guthrie
Senior
Olathe, KS

Morgan Hopper
Freshman
Kansas City, MO

Hayley Keith
Sophomore
Peculiar, MO

Kara Koehler
Sophomore
Gardner, KS

Hayli Lofgreen
Junior
Lincoln, NE

Keiana Moyer
Sophomore
Kansas City, KS

Kara Nicholson
Sophomore
Lee's Summit, MO

Erin Penney
Junior
Lenexa, KS

Kristen Riddle
Sophomore
Independence, MO

Erin Schultz
Senior
Omaha, NE

Kaleigh Sheridan
Sophomore
Peculiar, MO

Rosemary Virgoni
Sophomore
Olathe, KS

Kortney Ward
Freshman
Nampa, Idaho

Brittany Watson
Senior
Tonganoxie, KS

Kori Weatherspoon
Freshman
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Servicing more than 300 athletes in 11 sports, the Avila University Sports Medicine staff provides pre-event preventative taping and bracing, on-the-field evaluation and emergency care, appropriate physician referral and necessary follow-up rehabilitation. The athletic training facility is located inside the Mabee Field House on the lower level.

Head Athletic Trainer
Jason Means

Jason means enters his eleventh year as the head athletic trainer for Avila University. Means, a three-sport athlete at Creston High School (IA) and baseball standout at Southwestern Community College (IA), received his bachelor's degree in athletic training in 1997 from Park University (MO). Following graduation, Means moved on to Phoenix, AX, where he completed his master's degree in sports health care at the Arizona School of Health Sciences. While in Arizona, Jason served as the athletic trainer at Phoenix's Central High School and spent the spring of 2000 as an intern for the San Francisco Giants Baseball club during spring training.

Means then returned to the Kansas City area, serving as an athletic trainer for Professional Rehab Service during the 2000-2001 school year and working as the primary trainer for Paola High School. Jason currently resides in Independence, MO with his wife Jennifer.

Assistant Athletic Trainer
Becky Gorthy

Becky enters her first year at Avila after spending 7 years in New York. While in New York, Gorthy worked for Rye Country Day School, Yeshiva University, Columbia University, Iona College and also spent time with the New York Liberty of the WNBA. Gorthy received her bachelor's degree in athletic training in 1999 from the University of Kansas, and went on to receive her master's degree in Health and Movement Science from Virginia Commonwealth University. Becky currently resides in Overland Park, KS.

Brett Koziczkowski - Sports Information Director is staring his first year as Sports Information Director at Avila University. Koziczkowski served as the website manager and student assistant to the SID at Lambuth University while completing his undergrad work. Brett is also an assistant soccer coach to both the men's and women's teams here at Avila and is taking courses towards a Master's degree in Fundraising.

Dr. Fred Geer - Faculty Athletic Representative is Avila's specialist in educational and psychological assessment. He has worked as a school psychologist and consultant for area school districts and as a resource specialist for North Central accreditation. He teaches a variety of graduate and undergraduate course and serves as the academic advisor for the special education majors. Dr. Geer regularly supervises student teachers. He also is the faculty athletics representative.

Doris Frede - School of Business Assistant Professor currently teaches accounting courses at Avila. She is coordinator of undergraduate business advising, meeting all prospective business students, explaining curricular requirements, and serving as academic advisor for all first year business students. She assists Dr. Fred Geer as associate faculty athletic representative.

JoAnn Immele - Administrative Assistant enters her ninth year in the athletic department and seventeenth year at Avila University. JoAnn assists with all the administrative functions of the department, coordinates the annual Girl Scout Sports Sampler program and is a valuable resource to Eagle athletics and coaches. In May 2000, she received Avila's Medal of Honor. Away from Avila, Immele is active in the historical preservation and rejuvenation of the original town of Grandview, MO. For her efforts, the city bestowed their "Citizen of the Year" award on her in July 2007. She also has received special recognition from the Girl Scouts for her work as a leader and has volunteered her time in other community endeavors such as local sports and school activities. JoAnn and her husband Chris reside in Grandview and are the parents of Sarah and Katie.

AVILA BROADCAST TEAM

From left to right: John Deroo, Dick Krawczyk and Fred Liggett.

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For example, Avila was one of the first colleges in the Kansas City area to offer programs in nursing, gerontology and social work. We are one of around 30 colleges and universities in the entire country that offers a four-year degree in radiologic technology. We also offer the only accredited bachelor's degree in social work in the Kansas City area.

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EAGLES BASKETBALL HOME

Avila University plays its men's and women's home basketball games inside 30-year-old Mabee Fieldhouse. However, the facility barely resembles the one that was built on the southern end of the Avila campus back in 1980. Most recently, new offices for the football program were constructed along one side, and new scoreboards were installed before the start of this season, including a state-of-the-art, pixilated message board that should add excitement and entertainment to those attending Eagles games in 2011-12. The Mabee Fieldhouse can accommodate up to 2,200 spectators.

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